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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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 THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT
 AGENCY
 THE CHAIRMAN, U.S. START DELEGATION

SUBJECT: Material Supporting the President's Memorial Day Speech

On Monday, May 31, in his Memorial Day speech, the President will make the following remarks:

"In the quest for peace, the United States has proposed to the Soviet Union that we reduce the threat of nuclear weapons by negotiating a stable balance at far lower levels of strategic forces. This is a fitting occasion to announce that START negotiations between our country and the Soviet Union will begin on June 29th. As for existing strategic arms agreements, we will refrain from actions which undercut them so long as the Soviet Union shows equal restraint. With good will and dedication on both sides, I pray that we will achieve a safer world."

The attached material is designed to support the President's Memorial Day Speech.

At Tab A is the text of the formal joint announcement on the beginning of START negotiations. As agreed with the Soviets, the text will be released simultaneously in Washington and Moscow at 11:00 a.m. EDT on Monday, May 31.

At Tab B is a plan for conducting Congressional notifications prior to the President's speech. The Departments of State and Defense will implement their portions of that plan at the appropriate time.

At Tab C is a cable to diplomatic posts instructing embassies to brief host governments in advance of the speech. This cable can be released approximately 12-18 hours before the speech.

At Tab D are a series of questions-and-answers developed for use by Administration and Departmental spokesmen. (Note the Q&A "Soviets Abide by SALT II" has been revised.)

In view of the sensitivity of both the President's remarks and the joint announcement on START, this package is to be held on a strict need-to-know basis.

William P. Clark

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